

Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation

Division of Water Resources
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Public Participation Opportunities

Public Notice M2014-16

August 22, 2014

Last Day to Submit Comments: September 23, 2014

The purpose of this notice is to advise the public of the following draft environmental permits and to solicit comments and information necessary to evaluate the potential impact of the proposed activities on human health and the environment.

The Division has made the determination that the following NPDES permit applications are complete as required by $Rule\ 0400-40-03-.06(1)(c)$.

Individual NPDES Permits

Non-Coal Proposed Reissuances

Applicant Aggregates USA (I-75 Quarry Extension) LLC

Facility I-75 Quarry Extension

NPDES Permit Number TN0079341

Counties Knox and Anderson

Street Address 1949 East Raccoon Valley Drive

City Heiskell Zip 37754

Description of Activity Limestone mining and processing

Receiving Streams Unnamed tributaries to Wilcox Branch and Andy Branch

Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water

Facility Latitude 36°7′11.8″ Facility Longitude 84°1′24.6″ Permit Writer KBG

Applicant Rogers Group Inc. Facility Claiborne Quarry

NPDES Permit Number TN0079197

County Campbell

Street Address 559 Towe String Road

City Jacksboro Zip 37757

Description of Activity Limestone mining and processing

Receiving Stream Cuckle Creek, Unnamed tributary to Cuckle Creek

Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water

Facility Latitude 36°20'07" Facility Longitude 84°09'17" Permit Writer KBG Applicant Rogers Group Inc.

Facility **Fentress County Quarry**

NPDES Permit Number TN0063525

County Fentress

2355 North York Highway (Highway 127) Street Address

> Jamestown City

38577 Zip

Limestone mining and processing Description of Activity Unnamed tributary to Wolf River Receiving Stream Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water

Facility Latitude 36°31′03" Facility Longitude 84°57′33″ Permit Writer DKC

Non-Coal Proposed Reissuance/Modification

Aggregates USA (Greenback) LLC Applicant

Facility **Greenback Quarry**

NPDES Permit Number TN0066397

> County Loudon

Street Address 2107 Big Hill Road

City Lenoir City 37772 Zip

Description of Activity Limestone mining and processing

Receiving Stream Sinking Creek

Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water

Facility Latitude 35°42′41.6″ Facility Longitude 84°11′48.9″ Permit Writer DKC

Non-Coal Proposed Termination

Applicant Pitts Bend Sand and Gravel

Facility **Pitts Bend Mine**

NPDES Permit Number TN0070815

> County Lincoln

Street Address 86 Pitts Bend Road

Fayetteville City 37334 Zip

Description of Activity Sand and gravel mining and processing

Receiving Stream Elk River

Effluent Description Treated wastewater and storm water

Facility Latitude 35°08′33″ Facility Longitude 86°38′15″ Permit Writer GWM

How to Comment:

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) is requesting public comment on these permit actions. Obtaining a broad range of facts and opinions on Agency actions is one of the best ways to ensure quality decisions. Persons wishing to comment on these proposed actions may submit comments in writing to the Mining Section at the above letterhead address, Attn: Public Notice Coordinator, by fax (865) 594-6105 or by e-mail Gary.Mullins@tn.gov. The Division must receive your comments before the close of the comment period (see page 1).

How to Request a Public Hearing:

Interested persons may request in writing that the Director of the Division of Water Resources hold a public hearing on any application. The Division must receive your request before the close of the comment period. You must indicate the interest of the party filing it and the reasons for the hearing. When there is significant public interest for a hearing, the Division will hold a hearing in accordance with *Rule 0400-40-05-.06 (12)*. A separate public notice will announce the public hearing.

How the Department Will Proceed:

The Director of the Division of Water Resources will determine the final permit action after considering comments submitted during the comment period, the hearing record, if any, and the requirements of Federal and State acts and regulations.

To Obtain Permit Details:

Draft permits contain Antidegradation Determinations and Rationales that address information concerning the foundation for the Division's decisions. Copies of the applications, draft permits, and supporting documentation are in the permit files maintained at the Mining Section's office located at the letterhead address. There is a nominal fee for copying. These files are available for public inspection during normal visiting hours. Please email Kara.Blevins@tn.gov or call (865) 594-5460 to schedule an appointment for the review.

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State of Tennessee Antidegradation Policy

Tennessee's Antidegradation Statement is in *Rule 0400-40-03-.06* of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. The primary purpose of the Antidegradation Policy is to establish a greater level of protection for high quality waters. Some high quality waters are in near-pristine condition. Others are determined to be high quality due to specialized uses and/or unique features.

Generally, there are two types of high quality waters. Outstanding National Resource Waters (ONRWs) receive the greatest level of protection. The Board of Water Quality, Oil and Gas designate these waters. New discharges or expansion of existing discharges cannot degrade existing water quality.

The Department identifies other high quality waters known as Exceptional Tennessee Water (ETW) and protects against their degradation. The Department may allow some degradation if the Department deems it economically and socially necessary.

Non-Exceptional Tennessee Water refer to surface waters that do not have the identification and/or designation as high quality. These waters must achieve and maintain Tennessee's Water Quality Standards.

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